

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the pending claims were deemed to be withdrawn as being directed to a new, non-elected, invention. Without agreeing to the propriety of that action by the PTO, Applicant has hereby cancelled all of the pending claims and has added 28 new claims, Claims 55-82, which correspond respectively to amended versions of Claims 1-28 in the form in which they were presented in a Preliminary Amendment.

Referring particularly to new Claims 55-82, the present invention is directed to an adjustment process between a remote control and a local control of an image processing device. In contrast, the cited Chan reference shows a secure printer that, when a card with a user ID is inserted into its card reader, sends the ID to a print server for authentication and receives a document intended for the user and prints the document. However, Chan is silent as to the adjustment process. Further in this regard, the authentication device of new Claim 55, corresponding to an amended version of Claim 1 as presented in the Preliminary Amendment, requires a first discrimination means that discriminates whether setting information for a first function of the image processing device is being operated by an operation unit of the image processing device, and a second discrimination means that discriminates whether setting information for a second function of the image processing device is being operated by the information processing apparatus. In addition, it is clearly recited that the image processing device becomes operable by the operation unit, when a request from the operation unit is recognized based on authentication by the second authentication processing means and based on discrimination

by the second discrimination means. The cited Chan patent fails as a rejection reference because it fails to disclose the first or second discrimination means and the conditions for making the image processing device operable.

Claim 56, corresponding to an amended version of Claim 2, now requires an authenticating device which includes a discrimination means that discriminates whether setting information for a first function of the image processing device is being operated by the operation unit of the image processing device. In addition, Claim 56 clearly requires that the operation by the operation unit or the request from the information processing device is accepted based on authentication by the authentication processing means. That is, acceptance occurs when the authentication information input by the first or second authentication input means matches an operation on setting information for a second function of the image processing apparatus which is being performed in the image processing device. The cited Chan patent also fails to disclose these features.

With reference to Claim 57, which is an amended version of Claim 3, Applicant stresses that a request to operate the image processing device from the information processing device is not accepted, when a request to operate on setting information for a function of the image processing apparatus from the operation unit is accepted based on authentication by the second authentication processing means. Claim 58 recites an opposite situation. Namely, a request to operate the image processing device from the operation unit is not accepted, when a request to operate on setting information for a function of the image processing apparatus from the information processing device is



accepted based on authentication by the second authentication processing means. Again the Chan patent fails to disclose these features.

As a result of these claim distinctions between Claims 55-58 and the Chan disclosure, as well as the similar distinctions of Claims 59-82 in such a comparison, Applicant hereby solicits a Notice of Allowance.

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